Spurt in violence in Kashmir Valley

641. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been sudden spurt in violence recently in the Kashmir Valley including frequent ambushes and attacks on the Border Security Force; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) The militants have maintained the tempo of their attacks on the security forces. Lately, attacks on security forces have been marked by a high-degree of planning and motivation.

The security forces are actively engaged in intercepting infiltration and ex-filtration and neutralising terrorist gangs and recovering huge quantities of arms and lethal stores.

Legislation for agricultural workers

642. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to enact a central legislation for agricultural workers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN): (a) and (b) The Government is contemplating enactment of a central legislation for Agricultural workers to cover employment, condition of service and other relevant matters. The details are being worked out.

Educated Unemployed

643. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of educated unemployed in the country according to the latest available data of various employment exchanges; and

(b) what measures are proposed to be taken by Government to solve the unemployment problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN): (a) According to the latest available information as at the end of June, 1989 there were 182.2 lakhs educated (Matric & above) job-seekers, not all of whom are necessarily unemployed, on the live register of employment exchanges in the country.

(b) The Eighth Plan Approach Document proposes employment as the central thrust of the Plan. The proposed strategy emphasis creation of employment opportunities on an increasingly larger scale in the normal process of development. At the same time, it recognises the need for special programmes designed to offer guaranteed work to the needy as an interim measure.

Inclusion of Nepali Languages in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution

644. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to include Nepali language in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the same is likely to be done?

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